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Honorable Jack Brooks, Chairman Committee on Government Operations House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is a matter of considerable regret to us that the informal language of our note on the meeting in your office of 3 November has led to the attribution to you of views which you do not in fact hold. This is particularly distressing to me because I must certainly acknowledge the justice of your observation that it is not now possible to neutralize entirely the effect of this misstatement.

It has been the policy of the Agency to clear with Members of Congress any intended open reference to statements attributed to them. Unfortunately, this was not done in this instance.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I assure you that steps have been taken to prevent such an occurrence in the future.

Yours sincerel

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